

## House Resolution No. 2493

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who demonstrate the highest standards of conduct and performance as they fulfill their assigned duties and responsibilities; and

**Whereas**, Benjamin Cosgrove of Bismarck, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Corrections Officer I with the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

**Whereas**, on May 5, 2005, CO I Benjamin Cosgrove will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the Director's Award of Valor from the Missouri Department of Corrections in light of his activities while at work on the evening of August 30, 2004, at the Potosi Correctional Center; and

**Whereas**, CO I Benjamin Cosgrove had responded to a "10-5" call for assistance in Housing Unit 6 (B-wing) when he was assaulted by numerous offenders; and

**Whereas**, despite suffering contusions and abrasions to his head and face and injury to his eyes, CO I Benjamin Cosgrove assisted two fellow officers who also were assault victims; and

**Whereas**, the quick, astute, and highly professional actions of CO I Benjamin Cosgrove played a crucial role in averting what could have been a tragic outcome to the situation; and

**Whereas**, CO I Benjamin Cosgrove and his two colleagues survived the attack based on teamwork and training; and

**Whereas**, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on December 2, 2002, CO I Benjamin Cosgrove is the beloved husband of Janelle and the loving father of Evan, Emily, and Josie:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the diverse professional activities of Corrections Officer Benjamin Cosgrove, to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his selection for a Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Benjamin Cosgrove of Bismarck, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Robinson  
District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2493, adopted April 25, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker